* The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I do not think that there is any special urgency about it. As a matter of fact, . . ."

* Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" On a point of order. No speech is allowed, Sir, at this stage."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Is the hon. the Raja of Panagal objecting ? "

* The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Yes, Sir. I object."

*The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" As objection is taken, I have to ask whether a sufficient number of Members support the motion. (After counting the Members who rose in their seats). As more than twenty Members have risen, I direct that the motion be taken at 2–30 p.m. to-day."

Rai Bahadur Sir K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU :—" What about the other rule that we are not to meet after the Budget speech ? "

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" There is no rule. That point ought to have been raised earlier."

Rai Bahadur Sir K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU :—" I thought that the President himself would have raised it, Sir."

IV

ACTS ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce that the undermentioned Acts which were passed by the Council received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the following dates :—

The Indian Ports (Amendment) Act ... 13th January 1926
The Andhra University Act ... ... 14th January 1926 "

V

ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

*The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have also to announce that the Madras Borstal Schools Act which was passed by the Council received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 22nd February 1926."

VI

BUDGET FOR 1926-1927.

* The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" Mr. President, it is my duty, Sir, to place before the Legislative Council the Budget Estimates for the financial year 1926–1927 and, in doing so, I propose to adhere to the established convention under which this House is invited first to attend the final obsequies of the last completed financial year and then to hear how the current year has been conducting itself before passing on to the somewhat more speculative region of our prospects and intentions for the year to come.

Accounts, 1924–1925. " Our point of departure is, therefore, the final accounts of 1924–1925 which closed with a revenue of 1,627·59 lakhs and an expenditure of 1,657·07 lakhs, the deficit thus being 29·48 lakhs.